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Secretarial Election results bring change to Constitution



AJ Cloud
Staff Writer

The Secretarial Election Board appointed by the legislature met the evening of Tuesday, January 26. Secretarial Election Chairperson Marion K. Duffy and board members Henning Garvin, Tara Swallow, Ryan Greendeer, and Melissa Olvera were present to count and certify official election results.

Amendment A would remove the Secretary of the Interior approval and secretarial election requirement from the process of amending the Constitution.

Amendment A was adopted by a margin of 251 to 122.

Amendment B would add a new section which reads, "In the event both the Office of the President and Vice-President becomes vacant, the Representative currently serving in the Legislature who has served the longest, shall immediately call a special meeting of the Legislature for the purpose of selecting from its remaining members a Vice-President, pro tempore to serve pursuant to this Article."

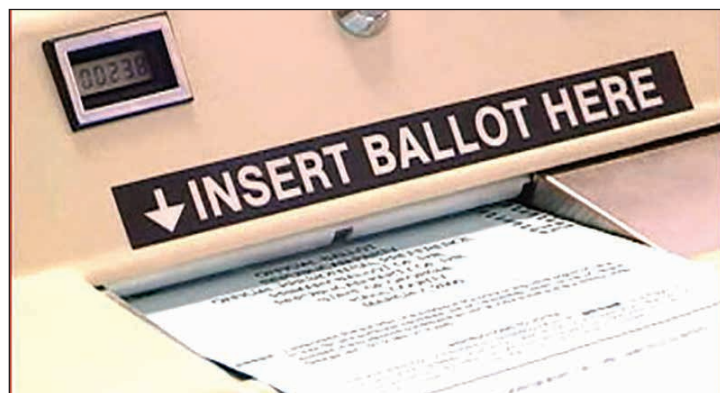
Amendment B was adopted by a margin of 300 to 70.

Lastly, Amendment C would eliminate the General

Council from the disenrollment process and add language that removal of any persons from the Membership Roll shall be determined by the Judiciary.

Amendment C was adopted by a margin of 279 to 90.

The secretarial election was conducted through mail balloting. Voter registration forms were sent to tribal members in early December. Tribal members that did register to vote received mail ballots in late December into early January. Mail ballots had to be received by the Black River Falls Post Of-



fice by 4:00 p.m. on January 26.

Contesting the election results must be in writing and received by Marion K.

Duffy, Chairperson of the Secretarial Election Board no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29.

One-two-three - Census Day kicks off the count

On Thursday, December 17, 2015, several Ho-Chunk members made their way to the Executive Office Building in Black River Falls to participate in 2015 Census Day. This event was to encourage members to complete their online census

survey. Angie Greengrass-McDonald, Census Project Specialist, Kevin Klingbeil, Census Project Consultant, and supporting staff from the Office of the President, were on hand to promote and offer assistance to those filling out their survey.

Currently the online survey is accessible till the end of February and/or the beginning of March. The online version of the survey is the most efficient way of

completing the census. This method is less costly to the Nation, is much easier than the paper form for the members to complete, and the quality of the data improves.

Overall, since the census went live in the beginning of December, the Nation's completion rate is far below what was anticipated. The chart below shows the completion progress by districts based on the total membership 18 & older for that respective district.

The Nation encourages all members to complete their census!

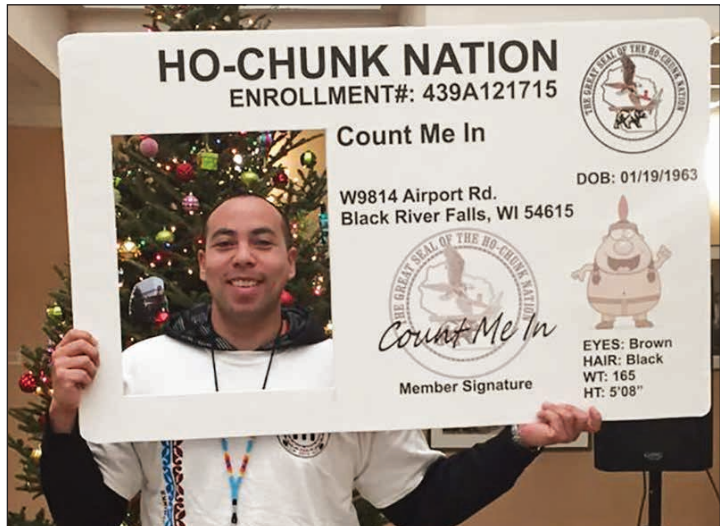
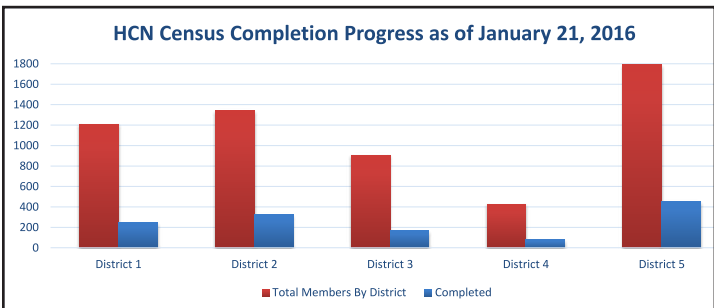
The 2015 Census Project is a collaborative effort by the Executive and Legislative branches.

In conjunction with the 2015 Census Project the Office of the President is also asking for participation in the Get out the Native Vote.

Office of the President staff will also be on hand to assist all eligible voters



Ho-Chunk members
completing their online
Census.



Collin Price promoting on Census day, December 17th.

with the voter registration forms. The forms are available online for residents of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota. In Wisconsin, you must register to vote but you are allowed to register at your polling place. For those wishing to register before, the staff will be able to assist filling the form, copying your proof of residence, and mailing in the required information to the appropriate office. Please bring your ID or a document which shows your legal name and address. A phone bill, electric bill, or bank statement work best. More information available at myvote.wi.gov.

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Dear Tribal Members:

I hope that your New Year has been positive for each of you and your families. I am writing to express my great satisfaction with how the Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN), its members and employees, all the other Tribal Nations and members, private organizations and Non-Native people came together to defeat Assembly Bill 620 (AB 620). Proposed Bills such as AB 620 will always be in action in some form or another and I am proud that we are beginning to pay closer attention to external legislation that affects Indian Country and its people. In part, this is the reason for my letter.

As we move into 2016 there will be many elections that will affect the HCN and its members, from the Federal, State, and Local levels. The HCN and its members must constantly be aware of our

surroundings to ensure that there is a Native Voice to be heard. We as members of the Nation must take time to register and vote in the world outside of the HCN. Not only to vote but even to take action and become part of the political process that surround us.

The HCN lobbies at the Federal and State level but does little to interact on local levels. It is at the local level where the “rubber meets the road.” Laws and policies enacted at the Federal and State levels is where the membership is most affected by them. The local level government enforces and performs the functions dictated by the higher levels of government. The local level also adds to and implements laws and policies to govern how people and BUSINESS are to act in its jurisdiction.

It would be great to say that

HCN Members are not affected by the local level politics but that is farthest from the truth. The HCN Trust (Reservation) land base is very limited, so there is little area to retreat to, to make the local jurisdiction moot. We must also remember that Wisconsin is a Public Law 280 (PL280) which is a Federal Law that allows both criminal and civil jurisdictions to the State, which by default, falls to the local level government to administer.

We as members reside in nearly all of the counties of Wisconsin and are scattered among the other states. I have seen a great increase in individual HCN Tribal Member participation in local governments. I APPLAUD with great respect those of you that have taken your civic duties to next level of involvement. There are now more

HCN Tribal Members that are throwing their hat in the ring to be elected.

It is my hope that the HCN and its Members will assist those new and incumbent Tribal Members to get in or remain in the local offices they are running for or elected to. I know of two HCN Members in the Sauk County area that are running. William “Bill” Lowe, is running for Town Board Supervisor in the Town of Delton as an incumbent. Kristin WhiteEagle is running against an incumbent for the Sauk County Board of Supervisors. Sauk County is a critical area where both HCN Members and HCN BUSINESSES need to be active in the local political process.

I hope that the HCN and its Members will provide as much support for local level politicians that support the

HCN goals, especially if they are HCN Tribal Members. The local level support must be done with diligence and individual support. It must be clear that monetary the limits of the EPAC rules are very low, so campaign contributions will not be enough.

Thank you in advance for your time and allowing me to voice an opinion. Please remember to vote and get involved at all levels of the world outside of the Ho-Chunk Nation. We are all affected by actions taken by the Federal, State, and Local Governments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Warner,
Tribal Member #2430



Sales Tax Exemptions for Native American Tribal Members

Wisconsin Department of Revenue
January 2016

As a tribal member, you may be eligible for a variety of sales tax exemptions under Wisconsin state law.

This article will help explain when you do not have to pay Wisconsin sales tax – or what to do if you do get charged when you were not supposed to.

No Sales Tax

You may not have to pay Wisconsin sales tax if **both** of the following occur:

- The **sale** takes place on your tribal reservation **AND**
- You **live** on your tribal reservation and your tribe is a federally recognized tribe

Tribal reservations or trust lands include:

Bad River
Forest County Potawatomi
Lac Courte Oreilles
Lac du Flambeau
Menominee
Mole Lake
Oneida,
Red Cliff
St. Croix
Stockbridge-Munsee
Ho-Chunk Nation communities

Off-reservation purchases. If you don't live on the reservation or you buy a product off the reservation, you usually have to pay sales tax.

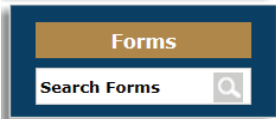
How to Claim an Exemption with the Seller

You have several options to claim an exemption if you live on your tribal reservation and the sale will take place on the reservation.

Give the seller:

- (1)
 - Your tribal member enrollment number
 - Your Tribe
 - Your reservation or Ho-Chunk community
- OR**
- (2)
 - Fill out an exemption certificate and give it to the seller

You can find an exemption certificate on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's website at www.revenue.wi.gov. Enter search terms in our **Forms** box:



Search:
Wisconsin Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate
OR
Form S-211

Examples

No sales tax: You buy a satellite TV service. You live on a reservation and you are an enrolled member of a tribe. **WHY no sales tax:**

- The sale is taking place on your reservation.
- You live on your tribal reservation and your tribe is a federally recognized tribe

Pay sales tax. You buy a satellite TV service, but you do **not** live on the reservation. You are an enrolled member of a tribe. **WHY sales tax:**

- The sale is taking place **off** the reservation.

No sales tax. You buy tangible personal property (a TV) from a retailer located off the reservation. They deliver your property (TV) to your residence on the reservation.

WHY no sales tax:

- You live on your tribal reservation and your tribe is a federally recognized tribe
- You're taking ownership of the property on your reservation.

Pay sales tax. You do not live on the reservation. You buy tangible personal property (a TV) from a retailer who is located off the reservation. They deliver your property (TV) to your residence off the reservation. **WHY sales tax:**

- You're taking ownership of the property off the reservation.

How to Complete a Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate

- Fill in the highlighted fields on the front and back of the form
- Sign and date the form
- Make a copy for your records (suggested)
- Give the original completed and signed certificate to the seller / retailer

FRONT OF FORM

WISCONSIN SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Check One ☒ Single Purchase ☐ Continuous

Purchaser's Business Name _____ Purchaser's Address _____

The above purchaser, whose signature appears on the reverse side of this form, claims exemption from Wisconsin state, county, baseball or football stadium, local exposition, and premier resort sales or use tax on the purchase, lease, license, or rental of tangible personal property, property under sec. 77.52(1)(b), items under sec. 77.52(1)(c), goods under sec. 77.52(1)(d), or taxable services, as indicated by the box(es) checked below.

I hereby certify that I am engaged in the business of selling, leasing, licensing, or renting: _____

(Purchaser's description of property, items, goods, or services sold by purchaser.)

Purchaser's description of property or services purchased (itemize property, items, or goods purchased if "single purchase"): _____

Seller's Name _____ Seller's Address _____

REASON FOR EXEMPTION

☐ **Resale** (Enter purchaser's seller's permit or use tax certificate number) _____

☐ **Manufacturing and Biotechnology**

☐ Tangible personal property (TPP) or item under s.77.52(1)(b) that is used exclusively and directly by a manufacturer in manufacturing an article of TPP or items or property under s.77.52(1)(b) or (c) that is destined for sale and that becomes an ingredient or component part of the article of TPP or items or property under s.77.52(1)(b) or (c) destined for sale or is consumed or destroyed or loses its identity in manufacturing the article of TPP or items or property under s.77.52(1)(b) or (c) destined for sale.

BACK OF FORM

☐ Tangible personal property and items, property and goods under s.77.52(1)(b), (c), and (d) to be resold by _____ on my behalf where _____ is registered to collect and remit sales tax to the Department of Revenue on such sales.

☒ Tangible personal property, property, items and goods under s.77.52(1)(b), (c), and (d), or services purchased by a Native American with enrollment # _____ who is enrolled with and resides on the _____ Reservation, where buyer will take possession of such property, items, goods, or services.

☐ Tangible personal property and items and property under s.77.52(1)(b) and (c) becoming a component of an industrial or municipal waste treatment facility, including replacement parts, chemicals, and supplies used or consumed in operating the facility. Caution: Do not check the "continuous" box at the top of page 1.

☐ Portion of the amount of electricity or natural gas used or consumed in an industrial waste treatment facility. (Percent of electricity or natural gas exempt _____ %)

☐ Electricity, natural gas, fuel oil, propane, coal, steam, corn, and wood (including wood pellets which are 100% wood) used for fuel for residential or farm use.

	% of Electricity Exempt	% of Natural Gas Exempt	% of Fuel Exempt
<input type="checkbox"/> Residential	_____ %	_____ %	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Farm	_____ %	_____ %	_____ %

Address Delivered: _____

☐ Percent of printed advertising material solely for out-of-state use. _____ %

☐ Catalogs, and the envelopes in which the catalogs are mailed, that are designed to advertise and promote the sale of merchandise or to advertise the services of individual business firms.

☐ Computers and servers used primarily to store copies of the product that are sent to a digital printer, a plate-making machine, or a printing press or are used primarily in prepress or postpress activities, by persons whose NAICS code is 323111, 323117, or 323120.

☐ Purchases from out-of-state sellers of tangible personal property that are temporarily stored, remain idle, and not used in this state and that are then delivered and used solely outside this state, by persons whose NAICS code is 323111, 323117, or 323120.

☐ Other purchases exempted by law. (State items and exemption): _____

I hereby certify that if the item(s) being purchased are not used in an exempt manner, I will remit use tax on the purchase price at the time of first taxable use. I understand that failure to remit the use tax may result in a future liability that may include tax, interest, and penalty.

Signature of Purchaser	Print or Type Name	Title	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____

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Questions

If you have questions about sales tax for tribal members contact us at DORSalesandUse@revenue.wi.gov or 608 266 2776



Peltier’s health declines as clemency support mounts

AJ Cloud
Staff Writer

February 6, 2016 will mark 40 years since Peltier’s arrest in Canada and the 2016 International Day of Solidarity with Leonard Peltier.

“We are asking supporters to mark that day [February 6] by coordinating a solidarity event, canvassing, or getting on the radio,” said Clark. The ILPDC webpage has posted events in US cities of Albuquerque, New York, and Portland.

Leonard Peltier has been imprisoned for the murder of two Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents in a shoot-out that occurred on the Pine Ridge Reservation in 1975. Since being convicted, Leonard Peltier’s case and conviction continues to be highly controversial. Jean Day a tribal member, friend, and supporter of Peltier recalls the day the verdict was read.

“There was a lot of anger. They wouldn’t even let us in

the courtroom. They had us all outside,” Day said.

In a legislative meeting on March 2014, Day spoke to the Ho-Chunk Legislature about continuing efforts regarding clemency for Peltier. The legislature took action and passed a resolution supporting the award of Executive Clemency to Leonard Peltier.

In early January an MRI confirmed that 71-year-old Leonard Peltier is suffering from an abdominal aortic aneurism. Currently, Peltier is serving a two consecutive life-term sentence at the United States Penitentiary Coleman I in Coleman, Florida. As of January 20, prison medical personnel have not scheduled surgery.

“He’s [Leonard Peltier] not feeling great and doesn’t have the energy he should... he’s very anxious, he feels he will just be neglected,” said Peter Clark, co-director of the International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee.

The International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee (ILPDC) is co-directed by Peter Clark and Leonard’s son, Chauncey Peltier. The ILPDC continues to put pressure on the Federal Bureau of Prisons and is asking Peltier supporters to do the same by writing and calling the bureau.

“Call, e-mail, fax, and write the Bureau of Prisons for Leonard to go to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida,” said Clark.

According to the Mayo Clinic’s website, an abdominal aortic aneurism is an enlarged area in the lower part of the aorta, the major blood vessel that supplies blood to the body. Mayo’s website further states that emergency surgery for a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm can be risky.

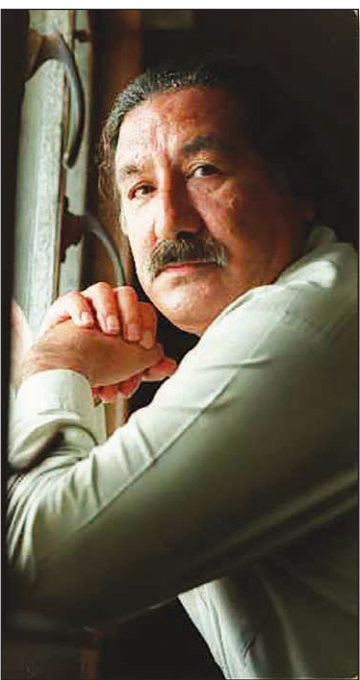
“He needs his surgery be-

cause you never know when an aneurysm can pop...they don’t have the knowledge to take care of him [at Coleman],” said Day.

Day’s opinion is undecided on whether or not Peltier will be granted clemency with the Obama Administration.

“I can’t say yes or no because we worked so hard during the Clinton Administration. We had communications with the White House...he [Clinton] met with the Department of Justice and all of a sudden no communication,” said Day.

Should President Obama not pardon Peltier at the end of his term, Peltier’s next chance for release will be at his parole hearing in 2024. Peltier will be 79-years-old.




Leonard Peltier



January Elders Birthdays

1. Francis Decorah	18. Sherill Worthy
Marlene Huffman	19. Truman Lowe
2. Marlene Cleveland	Rhonda Funmaker
4. David Radtke	Charlene Steele
5. Raena Funmaker	20. Michael Goze
Joann Jones	Sara Abbott
6. Roy Cassiman	Mark Hellerud
Anita Prieur	22. Barbara Pierce
7. Carolyn White Eagle	23. Michael Day
Eunice Mallory	Antoinette Horak
Barbara Lowe	Edward Perry
Phyllis Amendariz	24. Franceita Decorah
8. Ona Garvin	25. Nela Stacy
Bonnie Hanson	Julia Little Wolf
9. Betty White	26. Gary Hall
Beverly Whitewing	Wilbert Cleveland
10. Janice Goldman	Elaine Nakai
Karen Lipski	Myrna Thompson
Sharon Topping	27. Beverly White Eagle
Avery Lonetree	Tina Danielski
Douglas Greengrass	28. Wade Blackdeer
Brien Whitedog	Berna Big
11. Patricia Filipowicz	Thunder-Hindsley
Yvonne Chojnacki	29. Nadine Sieber
12. Benjamin Decorah	Faye Larsen
14. Fred Decorah	Rosalie Two Bulls
Hattie Walker	John Houghton Jr
Roberta Decorah	30. Cecelia Rave
15. Joanne La Mere	Barbara Nyhan
16. Sharon Whitebear	31. Janice Rice
Joyce White Eagle	Harry Cloud
17. Edward Whitewater	Estelle Whitewing
Peggy Crowley	Kathyleen Lone
18. Sidney Lewis	Tree-Whiterabbit

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Feb. 5th which will be published on Feb. 12th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.



Ho-Chunk Nation Emergency Assistance Program

888-343-8190 or 715-284-2622
715-284-9486 Fax

We would like to give you some tips to making your application process a little less stressful.

- When applying for Rental Assistance you must submit the “**Eviction Notice**”. You will also need to apply with the county you live in for “**Rental Assistance**”. Then attach their “**Letter of Decision**” with your application. A copy of your “**Lease**” is also required. The time to apply is on the day you receive the “Eviction Notice”, do not wait until the actual Eviction Date. You are usually given two weeks’ notice. This will allow you to complete the application and submit the required documents in a timely manner. Remember, the **Emergency Assistance Program has 5 days to make a decision on the application once we receive a completed application.**
- When applying for Energy/Utility Assistance you must submit the “**Disconnect Notice**”. You will also need to apply with the county you live in for “**Energy Assistance**”. Then attach their “**Letter of Decision**” with your application. The time to apply is on the day you receive the notice, do not wait until the actual Disconnect Date. You are usually given two weeks’ notice. This will allow you to complete the application and submit the required documents in a timely manner. If this is done before your disconnect date you will avoid having to pay reconnect fees. Remember, the **Emergency Assistance Program has 5 days to make a decision on the application one we receive a completed application.**
- One tip to help you in the future is to see if you can be placed on a **budget payment plan** for your **electric/gas bill**. That enables you to know what your monthly bill will be for a year. This way there are no surprises, it is a constant. If the company has to adjust your amount based on your actual usage they usually let you know before your next bill.

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Blood donations urgently needed by the American Red Cross



Submitted by Todd Kulman, American Red Cross

The American Red Cross urgently needs blood donors to make an appointment to give this winter. Eligible blood donors of all types are needed, especially those with O, AB, B negative and A negative.

Blood is needed to respond to emergencies large and small, across the country every day. For Heather Von Glahn, it was a personal emergency – her 8-year-old daughter’s leukemia diagnosis – that inspired her to make the commitment to give blood regularly. “I’ve seen blood save her life at least 10 times,” said Von Glahn. “When friends and family ask what they can do for my daughter, I tell them to donate blood. It matters so much!”

Blood donations are urgently needed now and throughout the winter to maintain a sufficient blood supply for patients in need. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Clark
Loyal
2/1/2016: 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, 302 N Union

Juneau
Wonewoc
2/2/2016: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., St Paul’s Lutheran School, 101 Church Rd

La Crosse
La Crosse
2/2/2016: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., La Crosse Blood Donation Center, 1431 State Hwy 16

Vernon
De Soto
2/3/2016: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., De Soto High School, 615 Main St

La Crosse
La Crosse
2/5/2016: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Central High School, 1801 Losey Blvd

Waushara
Coloma
2/5/2016: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Richford Community Center, W11127 Cumberland Rd

Adams
Adams
2/8/2016: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Community Center, 569 N. Cedar Street

La Crosse
West Salem
2/8/2016: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Presbyterian Church, 625 W Franklin Street

Green Lake
Markesan
2/9/2016: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., St Joseph Catholic Church, 45 Saint Joseph St

La Crosse
La Crosse
2/9/2016: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., University of WI La Crosse Cartwright Center, 1725 State St

2/9/2016: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., La Crosse Blood Donation Center, 1431 State Hwy 16

Marathon
Wausau
2/9/2016: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Rasmussen College, 1101 Westwood Dr

La Crosse
La Crosse
2/10/2016: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., University of WI La Crosse Cartwright Center, 1725 State St

2/11/2016: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., University of WI La Crosse Cartwright Center, 1725 State St

Marquette
Montello
2/15/2016: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., American Legion, W3008 State Rd 23

Vernon
Westby
2/15/2016: 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Westby Coon Prairie Church, 500 S Main Street

How to donate blood
Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types

are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit

redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.


About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

Hijxgaxgakjawi - Let’s Move!

Challenge starts **Feb 15th** Registration is open Jan 25th-Feb 12th

Use this site to sign up:
<http://health.ho-chunk.com/>



Hijxgaxgakjawi - Let’s Move! is an eight week pedometer program designed to motivate you to become more active by tracking your daily steps. Don’t miss out on this fun way to add steps to your day!

The program is open to Tribal members and their families (ages 5 and older) and all employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Participate as an individual or as a team of three. To participate, individuals (*or the captain of a team*) must have an email account and access to a computer and internet.

Please register before picking up pedometers. We will have computers available to sign up. Pedometers will be handed out to participants at the following locations:*

Black River Falls		Wisconsin Dells		Nekoosa	
Dates	Locations	Dates	Locations	Dates	Locations
Jan. 27 th	HC Gaming Bingo Hall 9:00 am-12:00 pm	Jan. 29 th	House of Wellness 1:30 pm-3:30 pm	Jan. 29 th	Nekoosa Health Office 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Jan. 29 th	TOB 9:00 am-12:00 pm	Feb. 1 st	HC Gaming WI Dells 9:00 am-12:00 pm	Feb. 2 nd	HC Gaming Nekoosa 11:00 am-2:00 pm
Feb. 2 nd	TOB 9:00 am-12:00 pm	Feb. 1 st	HC Gaming WI Dells 1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Feb. 5 th	HC Gaming Nekoosa 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Feb. 5 th	HC Gaming Bingo Hall 9:00 am-12:00 pm	Feb. 4 th	House of Wellness 8:00 am-10:00 am	Feb. 8 th	Nekoosa Health Office 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Feb. 10 th	TOB 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Feb. 5 th	House of Wellness 9:00 am-11:00 am	Feb. 12 th	Nekoosa Health Office 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Feb. 12 th	Clinic Dental Conference Room 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Feb. 12 th	HC Gaming WI Dells 9:00 am-11:00 am		

La Crosse		Wittenberg		Tomah	
Dates	Locations	Dates	Locations	Dates	Locations
Jan. 28 th	La Crosse Health Office 1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Jan. 28 th	HC Gaming Wittenberg 11:00 am-1:30 pm	Feb. 3 rd	Tomah Health Office 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Feb. 4 th	La Crosse Health Office 1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Feb. 3 rd	HC Gaming Wittenberg 11:30 am-2:30 pm	Feb. 3 rd	HC Gaming Tomah 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
		Feb. 4 th	Wittenberg TAU 11:00 am-1:00 pm		
		Feb. 11 th	Wittenberg TAU 10:30 am-1:30 am		

Madison

Dates	Locations
Jan. 25 th	HC Gaming Madison 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Contact Information:
715-886-5444, ext. 8764
Nekoosa, Wittenberg
608-355-1240, ext. 5611
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888-685-4422, ext. 5308
Black River Falls

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If you received a pedometer from last challenge, please use that, or your fitness tracking device such as a Fitbit. Replacement pedometer is \$5.00.



Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Black River Youth Hockey

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislature Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation made a \$25,000.00 donation to the Black River Youth Hockey organization on Monday, December 28, 2015. The funds will go towards constructing a shelter for the outdoor hockey arena. Ho-Chunk Nation District 1 Representative Greg Blackdeer made the check presentation to representatives from the organization at the Milt Lunda Hockey Arena in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. The donation was a gaming compact donation. There are over 180 children involved in the Black River Youth Hockey organization.

(l-r) Clayton Madvig, Ryan Nandory, BRYH Association President Bob Madvig, Roman Madvig, HCN representative Greg Blackdeer, Wyatt Madvig, Solace Stacy and HCN Executive Legislative Information Officer John Stacy.

Ignite the Lite receives donation from HCN

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislature Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation made a \$2500 donation to the Ignite the Lite organization at the St. Paul District Meeting on December 17, 2015. The Ho-Chunk Nation District 5 Representatives along with tribal member Curtis West made the check presentation to Haley Borgen and Nate Lackner from the organization. The organization provides random acts of kindness to people.

L-R: District 5 Representative Forrest Whiterabbit, Nate Lackner, Curtis West, Haley Borgen, District 5 Representative Matt Mullen, District 5 Representative Robert TwoBears.



Cold Hands Warm Hearts

Ho-Chunk Gaming – WI Dells donated 8,772 items of warmth to Central WI Community Action from the Cold Hands/Warm Hearts charitable drive. From Dec. 1st – 31st over 4,000 guests participated with donations of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. These items will be distributed to local schools and the local community to those in need.



L-R: Brenda Hanks - HCG Maintenance, Holly Weber - CWCAC, Liz Johnson - HCG Maintenance and Wally Zeppelin - CWCAC

Restock the Shelves

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells donated 275 lbs. of food to Central WI Community Action from the Restock the Shelves Poker Tournament. Players who participated in the January 17th Poker Tournament were able to get additional tournament chips by donating non-perishable food items. Ho-Chunk Gaming was one of 29 casinos across the country that participated in this event to replenish local food pantries in their community.



Timothea Baker and Liz Johnson - HCG Maintenance, Samantha Thomas, HCG Table Games Supervisor and Holly Weber and Wally Zeppelin - CWCAC)

Ho-Chunk film selected to Sundance Film Festival

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

Sky Hopinka is a Ho-Chunk and Pechanga filmmaker, who’s most recent film, Jaaji Approx., has been selected to Sundance Film Festival 2016. The Sundance Film Festival runs from January 21-31 in Park City, Utah.

Sky is the son of Mike Hopinka, from Wittenberg, Wisconsin and Brandy Good Buffalo, from Bremerton, Washington. He is the grandson of Dolli Big John.

“I was surprised to be selected for Sundance (Film Festival). I talked with my friend, Brooke Swaney, and she encouraged me to submit my project. It’s like \$60-80 to submit,” said Hopinka.

“I’d call this a short experimental documentary film. It’s an ethnographic piece. I went back and forth on its title. Whether to go with Jaaji Approx. or Jaaji Approximate. I submitted my film last summer, and was notified I was selected in late November.”

Jaaji Approx. is video and audio recordings of his dad that Sky collected over a 10 year period throughout Wisconsin, Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

“My parents met over 30 years ago on the pow-wow trail. I’ve recorded my dad singing and talking about his life. The film is my relationship with these recordings,” continued Hopinka.

“There are also layers of tradition and history in the film. I wanted to be aware of the language and history entailed.”

Hopinka earned an English degree at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon. After he graduated, Sky knew he wanted to do something with film. He also knew he wanted to come to Wisconsin. That’s when he enrolled in UW-Milwaukee’s graduate film program.

“I’ve been at UW-Milwaukee for two years now. I’ve produced five films there. My goal is to have a 60 minute program I can share and present,” said Hopinka.

Hopinka has produced the films: Wawa, Kunika Remembers Red Banks, Come All and Let Us Speak, Visions of an Island, and Jaaji Approx. Excerpts of these films can be seen at his website: www.skyhopinka.com.

Hopinka is an active learner of the Ho-Chunk language. He has also studied Chinuk wawa language for five years and has attained advanced-medium fluency. He has worked as linguist with the Where are your Keys organization.

“I’ve taught Chinuk wawa at St. Paul Island, Alaska. My teacher, Evan Gardner, said your first second-language is the hardest to learn. You’ll be helping save Chinuk wawa by learning it,” said Hopinka.

One the filmmaking level, Hopinka shot Jaaji Approx. on a Panasonic GH4, and edited on Final Cut Pro and After Effects.

Sky said he is excited to meet other native filmmakers in the shorts program.

“There isn’t that great of a hub for narrative and feature length film, like at Sundance,” said Hopinka.

Hopinka is familiar with the native film festival circuit in the U.S. and Canada. His film, HuyHuy (Trade), made the rounds of American Indian Film Festival 2013, Agua Caliente Native Film Fest 2014, NMAI Native Cinema Showcase 2014, ImagineNATIVE 2013, First People’s Festival 2014, and One Flaming Arrow Media + Arts Festival to name a few.

“I’m serving as a film festival programmer for the One Flaming Arrow Media + Arts Festival in Portland, Oregon. That’ll be happening in July. We just had our first programming meeting last weekend. We are planning for more networking and socializing opportunities for filmmakers and festival goers,” said Hopinka.

Hopinka will be graduating from UW-Milwaukee this spring, but he will remain at the school on an Advanced Opportunity Fellowship which will allow him to complete his current project. He is working on a feature length documentary on the Ho-Chunk Nation.

“I’m looking at landscape and identity. What are Ho-Chunks doing to become contemporary? It’s not entirely based on historic trauma, but the act to survive instead,” said Hopinka.

“The holidays and Sundance provide me with a month of transition into the fellowship and working on my thesis. I’m enjoying the freedom and opportunity. After school, I will be happiest if I can continue working with the language and making




Sky Hopinka, a Ho-Chunk and Pechanga filmmaker, will be presenting his film, Jaaji Approx., at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival.

movies. I want to contribute, however I can, back to the tribe.”

Jaaji Approx. will be competing in the Documentary Shorts Program at the Sundance Film Festival and have four screenings, with three occurring over the weekend of January 22, 23, 24. The final screening is scheduled for Thursday, January 28.

2016 SEASON

District One Community Center
3 on 3 Basketball League



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Date:
Monday, February 15, 2016

Time: 6:00pm

District One Community Center Gym

Games will be held every Monday starting February 15, 2016.

Teams must submit their rosters by Friday, February 8, 2016.

Sign up as a team or an individual.

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715-284-0905

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District One Community Center

*The Next Shape Shifters begins
February 8, 2016*

Men’s 16 and Older Category

\$20.00 Registration fee. Winner takes all.

Second and Third place prizes \$100.00 Walmart Gift Card

Women’s 16 and Older Category

\$20.00 Registration fee. Winner takes all.

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THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED BY THE TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF BODY WEIGHT LOST.

The new Shape Shifters will begin on **Monday, February 8, 2016.**

You must have your registration fee before you can weigh in.

Last weigh-in will be Friday, April 29, 2016 .


Winners will be announced on Monday, May 2, 2016 around 4:30 PM

Weigh-in Schedule for Monday, February 8, 2016

and for Friday April 29, 2016

6:00 AM–9:00 PM District One Community Center
9 AM–10AM TOB
12PM-1PM Ho-Gaming WI Dells Loading Dock 1 Area
1:15-2:00 Wellness Center
3:40PM–4:30 PM La Crosse Branch Office

CONTACT MELISSA OR TONI AT 715-284-0905



High school project highlights Native American heritage, culture

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A recent project at Black River Falls High School brought a variety of perspectives on Ho-Chunk heritage and culture to the student body through announcements.

The effort, spearheaded by senior Kyla Rave, broadcasted interviews with several students and came during the national Native American Heritage Month in November. It was the second year of a project during the month but broadened its scope to take it to all students.

“My takeaway is that it’s really gratifying to have students in our student body who are willing to talk about these things so openly, and it’s something we’ve really been working on in our school for a long time,” said Paul Rykken, a high school social studies teacher, who assisted with the project. “It’s becoming more natural for them to do that. I think this was a good venue for them – a good platform for that.”

“As a teacher, that’s just really encouraging to see that.”

The project allowed Rave to continue to work in broadcasting and a high school class on video and audio, and she said her part-Ho-Chunk heritage also helped lead her to the work that touched on heritage, culture, language and ethnicity.

“It gives insight on what some of the kids think and what some of the Ho-Chunk kids think about some of the subjects,” said Rave, who may pursue a career in communications. “This year, with the video, I think it helped a lot of people to pay attention. Everybody was watching (the announcements) instead of looking at their computers.”

The November project comes during the BRF School District’s second year of offering a Ho-Chunk and ethnic studies course, which also can get students college credits. The district also has a culturally responsive teaching committee, which for years has been working to seamlessly integrate Native American topics into its curriculum.

The video project involved Rave interviewing four students, including Moses Decorah, who touched on his

perspective on Ho-Chunk language.

“Language is so important to the native people because it defines who they are and what they believe in,” said Decorah, a junior. “As of right now, I’m a little worried about it with so few ... people, fluent speakers, left in the Ho-Chunk Nation throughout the thousands of people we have left.”

“It’s up to the generation, now, my generation, to step up and take part in the Ho-Chunk language and carry it on. If we do that, the language would survive.”

Memphis Cleveland, a freshman, discussed the importance of learning about Ho-Chunk culture to pass it on to future generations. She said culture and traditions are important to her and her family because she grew up with it, attending ceremonies and connecting with family and friends through them.

“I think students should learn about culture in our high school because the majority of the kids here are Ho-Chunk and some of them don’t actually know where they come from or our culture,” she said.



BRF senior Kyla Rave helped spearhead a project that broadcasted student interviews on Native American language, heritage and culture to the student body.

“I really think it’s important for the rest of the school to embrace the Ho-Chunk culture and to kind of learn a little bit about it.”

“I think the greatest threats to Ho-Chunk ways this year would probably be the lack of people coming to the ceremonies and parents not teaching their children the language, certain rules ... and just not following the Ho-Chunk way of life, I guess you could say.”

Rykken said the videos have been saved, and the school may look explore ways to keep them and utilize them in the future. He said work to integrate these topics into the curriculum has made strides but still has work to continue.

“I think (the efforts) are going well – I think we’re making progress, but I think we still have work to do,” he said.



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Steve Funmaker
Pinkah Greengrass
Elaine Sine

2 Calvin Snowball
William Larsen
Harold Blackdeer III

3 Carol Whitethunder
Laverda Richter

4 Sharon Lynch
Matthew Johnson
Carlos Cabasos

6 Janet Funmaker

7 Celena Twinn
Robert Mann

8 Fred White
Jean Stopinski

9 Geraldine Deere
Forrest Whiterabbit
Janet Berg

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11 Martina Littleboy
Patricia Provost
John Huth Sr.

13 Henry Littlesoldier

14 Lila Blackdeer

15 Eliza Green
Joann Baker

16 Sharon Pierce
Lucinda Littlesoldier
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Steven Pine

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Graceful moves

Dance business is expression of Talyn's love for God

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Talyn McKinley had no desire to teach dance.

In fact, she refused to do so, even after many people requested her to teach them the moves. But finally she relented.

Talyn is the daughter of Scott and Sherry McKinley, and sister to Ashley, Chris and Dylan.

And now it is her fulltime job, having opened a professional dance business in Eau Claire. Talyn opened "First Position," her own dance company at 2813 East Hamilton, last August.

The road to her success has been a long one, full of roadblocks and potholes, and many questions about whether she was going in the right direction. But, through it all, she has endured and allowed God to make the decisions for her.

Her love for dance began at an early age.

"I started dancing when I was 4 – at Diamond School of Dance. I was her first student," Talyn said. "They taught 'worship dance,' which is a form of Christian worship." She also learned all other forms of dance, such as ballet, tap and hip-hop.

As the business grew, Diamond dropped the worship dance part of it and continued with the other forms of dance. Talyn continued to attend classes and when she became 16, she started teaching dance for the business.

Then when she was 17, people began asking her if she would begin to teach worship dance, but she turned down the request, not wanting to take on such a responsibility.

"For me, personally, worship dancing stems from my personal relationship with God," she said. "The only way to express myself is to dance. It is my way to get close to God."

At the end of her last year of high school, Talyn graduated from Diamond Dance School and she was again asked to teach worship dance. This was the seventh time, by seven different individuals, that she had been asked. Then, when she turned 18, her mother agreed that she could start with classes on her own, as her own business, if she had 10 students.

With news of possible dance lessons available from Talyn, she soon had 18 students signed up and she be-

gan teaching in the family's garage. She and her family cleaned out the garage and purchased a section of checkered vinyl flooring to use as a dance floor.

"There was no insulation and no heat," she said. "It didn't feel like a dance school, there were no mirrors or anything, but at least I had somewhere to start."

Then when school resumed in September, that number rose to 30 students.

They performed their first Christmas show that winter, in 2013. Their shows are conducted at Calvary Baptist Church in Eau Claire.

"That was our first real show. Before it didn't feel right, but this Christmas show was real professional."

Their next show was the Spring Show, in 2014, and she wanted people to come away with a sense of hope, to inspire them and to make them think about the dance for the whole year. Besides worship



Sherry (left) has been Talyn's moral supporter through the ups and downs of developing her dance instruction business.

dance, she added ballroom dancing and blacklight dancing.

"Every show stems from giving God glory. It's not about us. If we trip and fall, it doesn't matter," she said. "It was exciting because I am happy in what God is doing in our lives. It's kind of like a young couple who just got married. They're in love and don't care where they live. We saw the bigger picture."

Dance classes follow the



Talyn McKinley is happy with her new surroundings for 'First Position,' her dance instruction business in Eau Claire. The move is a step up from her parents' garage, which was the former site.

school year, following the school calendar because a majority of her students are public school students.

In 2015, everything started coming together. In May, they held a large show that included a speaker, drama, storytelling, videos and testimonials.

But, leading up to the performance, the preparations were not without drama in its own right.

One of the key dancers had parents who were missionaries who were serving in Liberia. The girl decided to visit her parents during the summer when the Ebola epidemic was making news all around the world. Because she was in Liberia, many of the parents came forward to voice their concern.

"They didn't want her on stage. If she was going to be included, they were going to pull their children from the performance," Talyn said.

She pointed out that the girl wasn't back yet from Liberia and they weren't in a part of the country with the disease. Plus, there was an incubation period if she did have Ebola, and wasn't contagious until symptoms appeared. Talyn understood the parents' concerns, but she knew her friend was not a threat to anyone.

"There was an attack on Calvary Baptist and First Position. Fear was the weapon," she said.

She didn't know what to do. On one hand, she didn't want to disappoint her student, who also was a friend. She had worked so hard for the event and didn't want her to feel like she had been betrayed. On the other hand, if she didn't ask her to bow out, most of the performers would not show up for the show and, probably, the audience as well.

"In the end, she volunteered not to attend the performance," she said. "She didn't want to cause any bad feelings. Instead, we had a video of her as a testimonial at the

show."

In preparation for the show, Talyn and some of her crew stayed until 2 a.m., mainly because they had some problems with the lighting.

Then, the main speaker for the event cancelled two weeks before the performance. It was a mad scramble to find another speaker with so little time left.

After an extensive search, they found Brian Cole, a man who had been a Satanist from the age of 10 up until he was 25. He was heavily into drugs, covered in tattoos, and was in jail and prison for several years. Then, in 2009, God redeemed him and he began serving as a youth pastor at Stanley Prison. To this day, he wears a leather jacket and a Mohawk haircut.

He agreed to talk about his experiences at two shows.

"It was so powerful," Talyn said. "He touched so many lives."

However, it didn't go off without a hiccup.

In between shows, Cole received an urgent phone call, telling him that his elderly mother fell into a well on her rural home. He rushed to the hospital to see how his mother was doing, having been taken there by ambulance.

It turned out that she had broken back.

Yet, through it all, when he knew his mother was being taken care of, he rushed back to the church to give the second show. He spoke about the situation to no one, so nobody knew his mother had been injured until after the show.

"It was amazing," Talyn said. "He gave himself to all of us so unselfishly."

Everything was going fine until the business hit a bump in the road.

Then whole scheme of things changed in the summer of 2015, when the house insurance company found out about the dance business being conducted in the garage.

"Because of liability issues,

the insurance company said they would no longer insure the house if we had the business in the garage," Talyn's mother, Sherry, said. "We had to move the business."

As of August 1, Talyn had to be out, so she began looking in earnest to find a new home for her dance classes. She looked at many different storefronts, but most didn't fit the space needs and all of them were too expensive. It was the end of July and she still hadn't found anything.

"If God is in this, He will provide," she said. She and her family prayed a lot about the venture and the needs of a new location.

She took off providing dance lessons in June and July to look for a new place for her business.

"I couldn't afford much and I was sure how many students I would have, which would dictate how big of a place I would get," she said.

"I looked at places and it just didn't feel right," she said. "Some of the rooms were not square and some were not the right size, and some just wouldn't work for dance."

Also, most of the places cost more than she could afford.

Then one day, a friend of theirs, who worked at a beauty supply store, called to tell them about a vacant storefront near her workplace.

"It was very hard to trust and believe God was going to provide."

She contacted the owner and arranged to meet to view the storefront. It turned out that the owner was someone they knew. They liked the store, but they couldn't afford the price, so they offered what they could afford and awaited his decision.

The owner took it under consideration and decided to give her a chance, signing a short-term lease, even though it was less than he was ex-

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Dance students gather on the couch after lessons at 'First Position' in Eau Claire.

Marathon veteran gathers inspiration to repeat Honolulu run

AJ Cloud
Staff Writer

Quincy Garvin remembers being on the first marathon team organized by Erwin Begay when she was 13. Now, she has begun to set her sights to repeat the run. The run is a rigorous 26.2 mile marathon held annually in Honolulu.

Quincy began cross-training workouts this January and will continue them for the next two months.

Her current training includes cycling, swimming, weight lifting, and walking with conditioning and strengthening her body as her main priority.

At the end of March, Quincy hopes to be finishing 6 to 10 mile runs and by late fall extending her test runs to 16 to 22 miles.

“It’s good because she wants to do it, because of someone she loves,” said former marathon Coach Begay.

Seventeen years ago the late Louella Blackdeer asked Quincy two questions: If she

wanted to run a marathon and if she wanted to go to Hawaii. Quincy could not resist Hawaii and later realized she had also agreed to run a marathon.

Quincy’s decision to repeat the marathon is not only a personal goal but also an honoring of her friend Louella Blackdeer, who died as a result of an accident caused by a drunk driver in May 2000.

“Coach Begay told us in the beginning that we would hit a wall and want to stop. This one night I hit that wall and I wanted to stop,” said Quincy.

Blackdeer encouraged Quincy not to quit and said that they would run together.

“It felt good she believed in me and ran with me,” said Quincy.

Quincy finished the 1999 Honolulu Marathon in a time of 8 hours 40 minutes and 16 seconds.

“I always wanted to do it again after Louella passed away. It has taken me this long, mentally, to commit to

my training, dieting, and being ready to cross that finish line again,” said Quincy.

Heading into the marathon in 1999, Quincy had a support system comprised of her family as well as her marathon team members.

“Parents had to sign a sponsor contract to ensure motivation support, transportation to test runs, and to make sure we were following our diet,” said Quincy.

Although Quincy is not running with a team, other marathon veterans from Runners Against Drunk Driving (RADD) that have finished the marathon in subsequent years have come forward in support and few of them have expressed their willingness to repeat with her.

“The support has to be there, if it isn’t there then you quit,” said Begay.

The annual Honolulu Marathon is set for December 11, 2016.

Quincy expressed one hesitation about completing the



1999 marathon team members: Front Row (L-R) Randall Blackdeer, Jr., Louella Blackdeer; Middle Row (L-R) Quincy Garvin, Heather Hillmer; Back Row (L-R) Rayce Pettibone, Cody Murphy.

upcoming marathon.

“Yes, I’m scared to hit that wall again, but my heart is in it and I have the mentality along with the support,” said Quincy.

Along with completing the marathon in December,

Quincy also plans to conduct a small memorial on Oahu’s North Shore for departed teammates Louella Blackdeer and Cody Murphy.

Dance business

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pecting to get.

“We signed on Sunday and began classes the next day,” she said.

Talyn figured if she could get about 50 students into her business, the budget would work out for paying the rent. As it turned out, she had 75 students signed up.

“Having 75 students was a breath of fresh air,” she said. All are girls except for four boys.

Talyn is very careful when accepting new students. So when she has a person interested in attending her classes, the first thing she does is sit down with the family to make sure what she offers is what they want.

“I want to find out why they want to dance, if they have the values that we reinforce and how they love and treat people,” Talyn said. “Everything will follow if we have the basics down first. It’s not about posturing – not about status.”

A culmination of all her hard work came into fruition this last Christmas, when their Christmas show, “Go Tell It,” took to the stage at Calvary Baptist church.

“The Christmas show was amazing,” she said. “We had about 600 people to come and watch the show. It was one of the best shows.”

All of the costumes were handmade and can be used again for future performances.

Now, day-to-day, she teaches 30 regular classes Monday through Friday for a total of about 40 hours, plus extra classes on a case-by-case basis.

As for future plans, she would like to get a floor for the performances, which costs about \$5,000. She plans to conduct fundraisers for the cause.

“We’ve been renting a floor from State Theater for \$500 each time. It would save a lot of money if we had our own,” Talyn said. The next show is slated for May.

Having been bullied from other girls while going to school, she could have retreated and become withdrawn. But instead, she believed that she could excel wherever her heart led her.

“When I was a kid, I had no desire to own a dance school. When I was 14, I had a dream of mentoring girls. Our society puts kids down and does not allow them to dream. As adults, we can be whatever we want to be. We should encourage kids to go beyond what they have been taught they can be.”

And that has become her driving force in her life – to work hard and strive to do more.

“Her entrepreneurial spirit comes from her family,” said Sherry, her mother. “As far back as anyone can remember, members of our family have been in business. My Grandmother Marie Lewis and Aunt Velma were involved with making and selling baskets and my father, Harold, began and ran ‘Lewis Sign Company.’”

Also, Sherry and Scott own their own car audio business, “Sounds and Visions,” in Eau Claire. They were able to begin with a \$25,000 small business loan from the Ho-Chunk Nation, along with a \$75,000 loan from the Small Business Association.

“We are forever grateful for the tribe helping us,” Sherry said.

Talyn dreams of what else she might do in the future. For one, she would like to open a civic center for entertainers to come and perform. There

aren’t any such buildings in Eau Claire, she said. Besides having a stage and seating, the entertainment center would also have its own restaurant, a library, a huge prop room, a lounge for entertainers, and a coffee shop.

“People have a hard time

finding a place to practice and perform for audiences in Eau Claire,” she said.

The constant thread, in whatever she does, is her love of God and her desire to do God’s work.

“We need to put God into every area of our lives. We

need to know that God is in basketball, in school, when you’re washing dishes or walking the dog,” Talyn said. “It’s not about what you’re doing. It’s about what is in your heart.”

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Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P
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Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P
Rep. Douglas Greengrass-EX
Rep. Lori Pettibone-P
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Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-CC
Rep. Matt Mullen-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone
Tree-Whiterabbit-CC
Rep. Robert TwoBears-P
Note: (CC) Conference call
Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established.
Opening Prayer: Chief Clayton Winneshiek offered a word of prayer.
Approval of Agenda: **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the agenda with the following additions: Under New Business-E. Resolution-Per Capita Declaration for February 1, 2016; F.-Establishment of Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial Legislative Work Group; G. 2016 General Council Update. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-2(Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. David Greendeer)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: **Regular Legislative Meeting December 8, 2015** **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the December 8, 2015 Legislative Meeting minutes as presented. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Special Legislative Meeting December 9, 2015 **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the December 9, 2015 Special Legislative meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp 10-0-2 (Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION CARRIED.**
Special Legislative Meeting December 21, 2015 **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the December 21, 2015 Special Legislative Meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-1 (Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Administration December 10, 2015 **MOTION** by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the December 10, 2015 Administration Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**
NEW BUSINESS: **Resolution-Legislative**

Override of Presidential Veto Issued 12/22/15 Regarding Compensation of Care Provider Employees. No action was taken on the resolution. Sandra Gleason, Treasurer discussed the Nation’s employees are only allowed to go through the Time and Attendance system. The Harris Data system doesn’t allow the processing directly. The IT Department is capable of building a database that could use plates instead of signature. Amanda WhiteEagle, Attorney General mentions a legal analysis would have to be done if workers are treated like employees. Ona Garvin, Executive Director of Health requests this issue of compensation of Care Provider Employees be referred to the Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee for further discussion. If the request goes through based on the motion this would require a larger budget. Initial numbers are available and can be discussed further at HSS&I. Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel explains that this is new territory, as past vetoes were done on resolutions and not draft minutes. This will set a precedence for future presidents. If the Legislature does not want to take up the override it leaves the veto in place. This will allow veto of motions by future Presidents. President Wilfrid Cleveland was following the Constitution and the language allows for any actions to give veto power. Ona Garvin mentions that when the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution was revised, the veto power was a big issue it didn’t give any stipulations on the veto power for the President. Vice President Darren Brinegar is concerned that discussion could have taken place with the Legislators about this before a veto. The motion was a request, because check signers are constantly being contacted about the signing of checks and they do what they can to get them signed. Rep. Andrea Estebo made the request on hopes of assisting Care Providers in getting paid. Rep. David Greendeer mentions the motion to be a request and communication from one branch to other on the issue being unconstitutional could have happened, but it didn’t. President Wilfrid Cleveland mentions he vetoed it, to bring it back for discussion, and to prevent the passing of the motion. Rep. David Greendeer asks if a process is in place to pull a veto. Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel mentions that in the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution no language exists. Further discussion will happen at the Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee. John Stacy, Executive Legislative Information Officer, mentions

the referral will be over 14 days for action by the Legislature on the veto. The request is in motion to discuss at HSS&I on the issue of improving the process to getting payment to individuals in a timely basis. **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer the Compensation of Care Providers Issue and the Time and Attendance System to the Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee for full discussion. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Acceptance of Margaux Carrimon to be Interim Director of the Department of Social Services. **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 01-05-16-A**, Acceptance of Margaux Carrimon to be Interim Director of the Department of Social Services. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 9-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar)-2(Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Greg Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Confirmation of Margaux Carrimon to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Social Services. **MOTION** by Vice President Darren Brinegar to table the resolution for Confirmation of Margaux Carrimon to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Social Services, until a background check is received and a hearing takes place. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Request for Proposal for Actuarial Consultant Approval-Update: Ron Hanson, Insurance Manager provided an RFP for Actuarial Project Consultant. He was seeking approval to move forward with the mailing of the RFP and presented in draft form. In view of recent changes in guidance relating to the Cadillac Tax portion of the Affordable Care Act and that being postponed until 2020. It will be noted for the record to move forward with the RFP and further information will be brought forward once the estimated cost is provided. **Resolution-Per Capita Declaration for February 1, 2016.** **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 01-05-16 B**, Per Capita Declaration for February 1, 2016. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Establishment of Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial Legislative Work Group. **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt **Resolution 01-05-16 C**, Establishment of Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial Legislative Work Group. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 11-0-1 (Rep. Lori Pettibone) **MOTION CARRIED.**
2016 General Council Date- President Wilfrid Cleveland

The Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland made the announcement that under his constitutional delegated authority as President, he officially calls the 2016 Annual Meeting of the General Council on Saturday, September 17, 2016.
DISTRICT MEETINGS: Black River Falls Area Meeting: **MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer to HHCDa, the **MOTION** by Lee Brown Jr., to re-nominate Lee Brown, Jr. As the District 1 HHCDa Commissioner. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer to GCA the **MOTION** by Cari Roesch to request that the GCA Delegate provide a list of all passed General Council Resolutions and the current stage it is at, and to have the list broken down into which branch of government and department is responsible for said Resolutions, and whether, or not they require a Secretarial Election.
Amendment to the Agenda: **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to move Conference Approval Item A. up next on the agenda. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
National Association of County Veterans Service Officers Conference 2016 Myrtle Beach, S.C.-May 14-21, 2016-Rep. Kathy DeCamp: **MOTION** by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to approve any legislator to attend the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers Conference 2016, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on May 14-21, 2016. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
La Crosse Area Meeting: **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to appoint Paul Krause as the La Crosse Area GCA Alternate and to refer to the General Council Agency. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President and to request OOP prepare a budget for the Finance Committee regarding the **MOTION** by Donald Greengrass to refer to the Office of the President, and the Legislature, that the Executive Branch Department of Heritage Preservation lead an effort to revise all Historical markers with accurate accounts of Historical Ho-Chunk accounts relative to burial sites. For those accounts to be approved from the Traditional Court and Heritage Preservation, approved further, that the legislature work in good faith with the President to determine a plan to fund and manufacture new historical signs, and to develop an

executable two year plan to replace or place new signs throughout our traditional territories and to have the markers written in English and Hocak. And, to replace the Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Memorial marker at the BRF Pow-Wow Grounds, immediately. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to Office of the President the **MOTION** by Colin Carrimon that the Department of Business project the cost of the conversion of the bill changer and to begin saving for this cost. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Finance Committee for consideration the **MOTION** by Paul Krause that the community support Bill Greendeer’s efforts in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the traditional ecological knowledge conference. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
RECESS
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to recess the meeting at 12:32 p.m. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
State Representative Kahl was present to meet with the Legislature.
Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland calls the meeting to order at 1:47 p.m.
Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P
Vice President Darren Brinegar-P
Rep. David Greendeer-P
Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P
Rep. Douglas Greengrass-EX
Rep. Lori Pettibone-P
Rep. Henning Garvin-CC
Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-P
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-CC
Rep. Matt Mullen-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-CC
Rep. Robert TwoBears-P
Note: (CC) Conference call
Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established.
DISTRICT MEETINGS: Tomah Area Meeting: **MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to Office of the President the **MOTION** by Richard Mann to support Bobby Bird Tomah Area Jujitsu Martial Arts Training Center. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to Office of the President and Department of Labor the **MOTION** by Gladys Morgan for Tribal Workforce Development from the HCN Department of Labor do a presentation at the next Tomah Area Meeting. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to Office of the President with proper corrections, the **MOTION** by Chris Estebo to refer to the

Office of the President, and the Legislature, that the Executive Branch Department of Heritage Preservation lead an effort to revise all Historical markers with accurate accounts of Historical Ho-Chunk accounts relative to burial sites. For those accounts to be approved from the Traditional Court and Heritage Preservation, approved further, that the legislature work in good faith with the President to determine a plan to fund and manufacture new historical signs, and to develop an executable two year plan to replace or place new signs throughout our traditional territories and to have the markers written in English and Hocak. And, to replace the Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Memorial marker at the BRF Pow-Wow Grounds, immediately. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Madison Area Meeting: READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Judy Whitehorse to request the President set the third Saturday in September as the 2016 General Council in accordance with the approved General Council Resolution. **MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to Finance the **MOTION** by Joy Thompson for \$300 to purchase supplies for Arts and Crafts Culture Night. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Baraboo Area Meeting (December 21, 2015):

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to General Council Agency the **MOTION** by Cory Hindsley to appoint Kristin WhiteEagle as the Baraboo Area General Council Alternate. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to HHCD and Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Cory Hindsley that HHCD follow the Ho-Chunk Nation hiring practice based upon information received at the Legal Symposium. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the Audit Committee the **MOTION** by Robert Mobley that the Legislature investigate the \$750,000.00 funds lost by Cii rooha LLC. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to support the strategic plan and effort for historical markers within the Ho-Chunk Nation lands, and to bring the plan of action back to the area. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the

Finance Committee the MOTION by Robert Funmaker to designate Angie Hindsley as the primary coordinator of the 2016 Neeshla Pow-Wow. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Baraboo Area Meeting: (January 4, 2016)

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the MOTION by Robert Mobley to have Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Native American Recruiter be present at the next Baraboo Area Meeting to report his initiatives for hiring. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to Office of the President and Administration (I.T.) Department the MOTION by Robert Mobley that he would like the request for WI-FI at the House of Wellness to be addressed and the previous motion revisited. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the Office of the President, Health Department and Insurance the MOTION by Levi Lincoln for the House of Wellness medical services to explore the natural remedy options for pain management including reflexology, massage therapy, acupuncture. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Wittenberg Area Meeting:

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to the Finance Committee and Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Mary Beth White Wing to make the donation of \$26,477.00. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar 9-0-2 (Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. David Greendeer was out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Mary BigJohn to remove the language referring to Trust and Investment out of the Election Code. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Wisconsin Dells Area Meeting:

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Manda Mann to utilize the remaining community garden funding year 2015 in conjunction with Christmas Party.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to General Council Agency the MOTION by Sandra Decorah to accept Manda Mann as the Wisconsin Dells GCA Alternate. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. David Greendeer out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy

DeCamp to refer to Education Department the MOTION by Joyce Warner to support the Hoochi Ni Head Start Grant Application to Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Raise to the Top. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Wisconsin Rapids Area Meeting:

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Myrna Thompson that each agenda item is limited to 5 minutes. **READ FOR THE RECORD:**

MOTION by Celina Twin to support the District 3 Legislators to continue working with BIA to add rumble strips and lowering the speed limits for Chak-Hah-Chee Village.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to HHCD the MOTION by Hope Smith to have additional dumpster on Wilson and Recyclable bin on Wilson or Chak-Hah-Chee Lane. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Barb Smith that Legislature match the funds raised by the Chak-Hah-Chee Head Start for graduation 2016. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Barb Smith to deny the Nomination of Executive Director of Social Services-Margaux Carrimon. **Green Bay Area Meeting:**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Pam Wilber in support that Heather Cloud remain on the Negotiated Rule Making Committee. *Rep. Andrea Estebo and Rep. David Greendeer out of the room.*

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Pam Wilber requesting \$100,000.00 from Compact Deduct to fund a Native American Boys and Girls Club in Green Bay. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Andrea Estebo out of the room.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to Legislative Counsel to draft a resolution based on the motion by Dawn Crow to remove the language referring to Trust and Investment out of the Election Code as soon as possible. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-1 (Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to Office of the President and the Executive Director of Administration the MOTION by Julie Rockman to purchase a Transit Connect (vehicle) for the Ho-Chunk Green Bay Area. Second by Rep.

Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Milwaukee Area Meeting:
MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to appoint and refer to Veterans Advisory Board the **MOTION** by Teala Edwards to accept Tasheena Cloud as the Veterans Advisory Board Delegate and Anthony Winneshiek as Veterans Advisory Board Alternate. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Andrea Estebo back in the room.
MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to Office of the President and Heritage Preservation the **MOTION** by Pat Logan for Heritage Preservation to secure a Language teacher for the Indian Community School and the Milwaukee Branch Office; two different positions. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Chicago Area Meeting:
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to refer to Office of the President and the Attorney General the **MOTION** by Wendy White Eagle, to request that the Attorney General compile a historical list of past resolutions approved for action at General Council meetings, from 1994 forward, for review. This listing will include the status of such resolutions to date and categorize the approved Resolutions in the following categories-completed, modified, approved with modifications, etc. This reconciliation will then be compared with completed work of the General Council Agency (already in process) so that the Area Members can see our Attorney General's unbiased opinion on the history of the Resolutions. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to refer to the Finance Committee and to the next Owner's Rep Meeting the **MOTION** by Mary Mullen that the Legislature allocate Twelve Clans, Inc. \$25 million for their investment capitalization. Once the allocation is complete the

Chicago Area further requests that the Twelve Clans, Inc. Board shares their asset allocation plan and a timeline for investment. This will allow Tribal Members to better understand all aspects of this managed investment process. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-1 (Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

St. Paul Area Meeting:

FYI:

MOTION by Curtis West, for Ho-Chunk Nation to provide for Minneapolis/St. Paul area tribal members to attend the “Save the Mounds” rally on Wednesday, January 12, 2016. **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to refer to the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Sarah WhiteEagle to get a stove and an electrician to install a stove. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

FYI:

MOTION by Mark Stroessner to encourage the President, to hold the General Council on the third Saturday of September 2016.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

2:21 p.m.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

5:06 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adjourn to the Tribal Executive Offices, Black River Falls Wisconsin on January 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m. Respectfully submitted by, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

**Jamie L. Davis, Petitioner, v. Gregory C. Johnson II,
Respondent.**

Case : CS 15-104

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Gregory C. Johnson II

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

The Firekeepers winning formula continues as Brian Decorah is named president

Submitted by Jim Wise, FireKeepers Casino Hotel
Brian Decorah, who has been leading the FireKeepers Casino Hotel team as Chief Executive Officer since July of 2015, has been named President and CEO, announced Homer A. Mandoka, Tribal Council Chairman of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band



Brian Decorah

of the Potawatomi. Decorah started his career with FireKeepers in 2013 as Senior Vice President and for the last six months has excelled as CEO.
Decorah, an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, joined FireKeepers in 2013 with twenty years of gaming experience. He was General Manager of North Star Mohican Casino Resort in Bowler, Wisconsin and General Manager for two Ho-Chunk Gaming casinos, also located in Wisconsin. His diverse skills set include extensive marketing, compliance and business development and includes executive positions at Cliff Castle Casino in Camp Verde, Arizona and Seneca Gaming Corporation in Western, New York.
Decorah has a bachelor’s degree and an MBA from the University of Wisconsin school system. Brian was the

recipient of Raving Award for Excellence in Casino Marketing in 2012. He was also the recipient of the Global Gaming 40 under 40 in 2013.
“Brian Decorah brings passion and enthusiasm to the FireKeepers Team”, said Homer A. Mandoka, Tribal Council Chairman. “He has a keen-eye for an optimal guest experience and expects to treat others, as they would

treat him. He is skilled at earning respect from team members and I am confident he will lead us with vision and a dedication to successful operating results.”
Brian Decorah succeeds R. Bruce McKee as CEO. McKee led FireKeepers through the end of 2015 as President at which time he retired. His vast experience and positive personality created a path to

success as the casino and employer of choice in the state of Michigan. McKee, the first General Manager at FireKeepers, is credited with establishing the winning culture of outstanding guest service, professional casino operation and development of Michigan’s finest gaming resort during his more than seven years of service.

Basketmaker & Pounder Meetings to be held in Wisconsin Dells & Wittenberg

With the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Jackson County on August 12, 2015, now is the time to take action to help preserve the Ho-Chunk Basket Making tradition. A successful meeting discussing the various options for dealing with EAB was held in Black River Falls on October 28, 2015. To further discuss what that course of action will be, a meeting

on the topic is planned starting at 9:30 am on Wednesday, February 10th, at the Tribal Aging Unit (TAU) in Wisconsin Dells; and at 9:30 am on Thursday, February 18th, at the TAU in Wittenberg. Basketmakers & Pounders, for more information and to make your reservations, please call Forester, Mark Gawron at (715)284-2852.



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Rural Coverage and the Affordable Care Act

A Joint Media Call with Health and Human Services and USDA Rural Development regarding Important Upcoming Deadline

With an important deadline less than a week away, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Regional Director Kathleen Falk and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Wisconsin State Director Stan Gruszynski urge rural Americans to take action before the end of the ACA Open Enrollment period on January 31st. We have seen a historic reduction in the uninsured. More than 7.8 million uninsured rural Americans under 65 have gained new opportunities to enroll in affordable health care in the past year but many more remain. However, coverage in many rural areas continues to lag behind urban centers across much of the U.S. Join us to learn why getting covered is smart for rural Wisconsin!

WHEN: Monday, Jan. 25, 2016; 2:30 p.m. CST
WHO: HHS Region 5 Director Kathleen Falk and USDA Rural Development Wisconsin State Director Stan Gruszynski
WHAT: HHS will provide demographic information regarding Wisconsin’s rural uninsured. Plus, learn about local enrollment opportunities, new state-wide enrollment numbers, the upcoming deadline, and facts regarding the 2016 individual shared responsibility payment (the “fine” or “individual mandate”).

The call will be on-the-record.
Call-in number: 1-800-369-1893 Participant passcode: 2519820#

DR. POOL PROMOTIONS INC. PRESENTS

HO-CHUNK OPEN

FEBRUARY 11-14, 2016

NO SANCTIONING REQUIRED TO ENTER

THURSDAY, FEB 11
B/A 8-BALL SINGLES | 6PM
\$50 ENTRY | B RACE TO 4 | A RACE TO 5 | \$1,000 ADDED BASED ON 64 PLAYERS
AA/M/TOP AMATEUR/PRO 8-BALL SINGLES | 9PM
\$75 ENTRY | AA RACE TO 5 | MASTERS RACE TO 6 | TA RACE TO 7 | \$1,000 ADDED BASED ON 32 PLAYERS

FRIDAY, FEB 12
9-BALL SINGLES | 6PM
\$50 ENTRY | B RACE TO 4 | A RACE TO 5 | AA RACE TO 6
MASTER RACE TO 7 | TOP AMATEUR RACE TO 8 | PRO RACE TO 9
\$1,000 ADDED TO 9-BALL EVENT BASED ON 64 PLAYERS

SATURDAY, FEB 13
B/A 8-BALL 4 PERSON TEAM | 1PM
\$240 ENTRY | TWO A PLAYERS MAXIMUM PER TEAM | \$2,500 ADDED BASED ON 40 TEAMS
AA/M/TOP AMATEUR/PRO 4 PERSON TEAM | 5PM
\$320 ENTRY | TWO MASTER, ONE TOP AMATEUR, OR ONE PRO PLAYER MAXIMUM PER TEAM
\$2,500 ADDED BASED ON 24 TEAMS

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TRACY MORGAN

“PICKING UP THE PIECES”

MARCH 5
8PM



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GREETINGS TO ALL THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS,

IN REGARDS TO THE HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOP), THERE IS NO LONGER A POINT SYSTEM AS OF NOVEMBER 18, 2014. THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING WILL NOW BE GOING BY THE DATE OF ORIGINAL APPLICATION. THIS WILL CHANGE WHERE YOU ARE ON THE HOP WAITING LIST.

THE HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM NEEDS TO HEAR FROM THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ON THE HOP WAITING LIST. ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGE YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER SINCE APPLYING FOR HOP. PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING RESIDENTIAL SERVICES STAFF BY E-MAIL, HOUSING@HO-CHUNK.COM

POSTAL MAIL, P.O. BOX 170, TOMAH, WI 54660

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IF YOU ARE HO-CHUNK ENROLLED AND A VETERAN WITH A DD-214 WHICH MUST STATE, **"HONORABLE DISCHARGE"** - PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION, AND A COPY OF YOUR DD-214 TO BE PLACED IN THE VETERAN HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM.


IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING VETERAN HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING RESIDENTIAL SERVICE STAFF BY

E-MAIL, HOUSING@HO-CHUNK.COM

POSTAL MAIL, P.O. BOX 170, TOMAH, WI 54660

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**NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST (80-100%)
FAMILY LIVING PROGRAMS**

As an academic staff member of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, Co-operative Extension, employed with Family Living Programs, the Program Specialist for the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) provides leadership for and review of nutrition education curriculum appropriate for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) and Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) eligible audiences and coordinates staff development and training for effective nutrition education programming.

Application deadline: February 9th, 2016

**COMMUNITY NUTRITION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & EVALUATION SPECIALIST (80%-100%)
FAMILY LIVING PROGRAMS**

As an academic staff member of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, Co-operative Extension, employed with Family Living Programs, the Program Development & Evaluation Specialist for the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) provides leadership for development and evaluation of community-based nutrition and obesity prevention interventions targeting multiple levels of the social-ecological model and in accordance with SNAP-Ed and EFNEP operating guidance.

Application deadline: February 16, 2016

For details on how to apply visit: <http://jobs.ces.uwex.edu>
We are an AA/EEO employer

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit Elderly Advisory Board Member (1 vacancy)

District 3: Nekoosa Area


According to Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board Establishment Act and Organization Act;

Terms: Board members shall serve for a three (3) year term and may serve more than one (1) term.

Selection/Appointment: The members of the TAU Board shall be selected by the Elders from each of their respective Districts. Each District shall choose its member selection process. The election will be held at the Nekoosa TAU mealsite on February 11, 2016, 9:00am-1:00pm

You may Contact Sheila White Eagle at 715-886-5199 for further information.

District III Meeting Notice:



Wittenberg Area Meeting
Monday, February 15, 2016 6:00pm
POTCHEENUNK –WITTENBERG, WI

WI Dells Area Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2016 6:00pm
INDIAN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY BUILDING – WISCONSIN DELLS, WI

Nekoosa Area Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2016 6:00pm
CHAKH-HAH-CHEE COMMUNITY BUILDING

Green Bay Area Meeting
Thursday, February 18, 2016 6:00pm
1047 S. 9TH ST, GREEN BAY, WI

MEETING NOTICE

DISTRICT 2


BARABOO AREA MEETING
Monday, **February 8, 2016** - 6:00 p.m.
House of Wellness S2845 White Eagle Rd

LA CROSSE AREA MEETING
Monday, February 15, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
LAX Branch Office 724 Main St

TOMAH AREA MEETING
Tuesday, **February 11, 2016** - 6:00 p.m.
Blue Wing Community Bldg. 320 Epoch St.

MADISON AREA MEETING
Wednesday, February 17, 2016-6:00 pm
Madison Branch Office 1320 Mendota St

Posted on: January 22, 2016



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

MEETING NOTICE

DISTRICT 5


CHICAGO AREA MEETING

Monday, February 15, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60634


MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL AREA MEETING

Thursday, February 18, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55107

Posted on: Friday, January 22, 2016



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE




4th Memorial Services for
John C. Greengrass
Ahoo-Gi-Geensh-Ga


Friday, January 29th at
Native American Church, WI Dells

Wilbert Cleveland
Officiating the Memorial

Please come celebrate with
Songs and Prayers for
John Greengrass

He was a truly dedicated member of the
Native American Church, WI Dells







In Gratitude

On October 4th, our Nani/Gaga,
Mary “Cooranjhee” (Blue Forever)
White Eagle Natani, left this world.

We were so grateful the way her funeral was conducted by the Native American Church of Wisconsin Dells members. She worked all her life for the Native American Church, for her people, the great Ho-Chunk Nation, and for all native people throughout Indian Country. Thank you for honoring her memory during our family’s greatest time of need. We express our heartfelt gratitude to you our Ho-Chunk family and relatives. We were so comforted to see you all during such a difficult time for us. Your prayers and acts of kindness were most consoling. It seems as though the only solace in a time of loss is being surrounded by relatives and friends gathering through prayer and worship. Your prayers, care and concern brought us strength. Thank you to Annette Crowder who helped gather her personal belongings from the nursing care center. We are most grateful to those who sent a floral and monetary gift. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity with these most appreciated remembrances.

We were blessed with your outpouring of sympathy. We say thank you to C-Ann Cleveland, Alberta Decorah, Carol Whitethunder, Betty LaMere and Stephanie Swallow and women relatives for their offering of food, to the menfolk who worked hard getting things set up and to sisters, Yvonne and Yvette, who hung in there with us through very difficult times for their Nani Mary too. We seem to be unable to express in words how touched the family was by the glorious send-off given to Nani by Wilbert Cleveland and his helpers – Stanley (Stash) Decorah, Frank Williams and Tony. Thank you to Stash Decorah for chopping and bringing the wood and to the Rave and Hall families for cleaning the area down by Frog. You did her a great service by honoring her wishes.

Thank you for always being there for our Ho-Chunk people. Thank you for being there for us and supporting our family when we needed it most.

Franklin Brandon
Juanita “Missy” Tracy
Her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

Applications accepted after February 1st, 2016

Who: All Ho-Chunk enrolled Tribal Members

What: Weekly or bi-weekly share of fresh vegetables from a local farm during the growing season

For more information:


Contact Lyndsey Killian at lyndsey.owen@ho-chunk.com

In lieu of active fitness membership





In loving memory of
our beautiful beloved
Mahpiya Skye Rodriguez



We would like to thank those who extended their kind, loving thoughts and prayers, and most of all their time towards her family. We would like to thank the health staff of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Rochester, MN. Anthony Falcon, Woody White, and helpers, Dave and Christine Powless Family, Millie Decorah, Marie Lewis, Suzie Coffey, Suzette Lamere, Jean Stacy-Snow, Berna BigThunder, Ian and Delia Littlejohn, Brad and Hannah Myers, Art Owen, Valerie Decorah-Guimareas, Ho-Chunk Legislature, Ho-Chunk Office of the President, the Milwaukee Fire Department, and our immediate family and friends in our time of need. May the Creator continue to guide and bless you in your everyday walks of life.

In Love and Light,
Manuel and Eleanor Rodriguez
Bruce and Dawn Decorah
Don and GiGi Rodriguez

This poem was written after I visited my Cuuwi, Jo Ann Jones home that was filled with art, pictures and a room full of memories. She loved it and asked to share it with the Hocak Worak readersz.

Walls That Talk

Her memories hang from the wall
The ones that are filled with love
They talk to her everyday
Letting her know she'll be okay

At night they watch over her
Whispering her favorite words and songs
Melodies that will never fade
As long as she keeps them close

They all hold hands as they keep watch
Bound together by love and care
Never going anywhere
Till the time they turn to dust

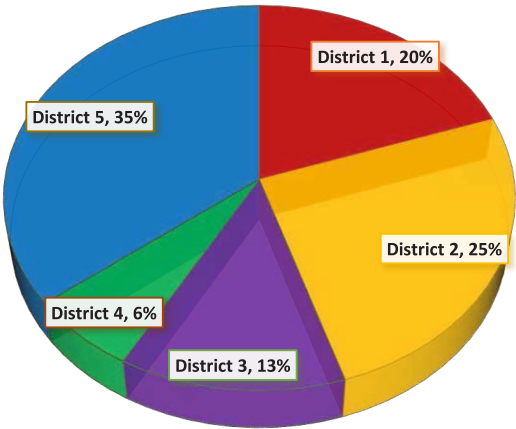
Back...Into the Universe.

*Sherman Funmaker
2016*



Please look forward to upcoming events at the following locations: TAU’s, District Meetings, and Branch Offices.
Tentative Schedule

PERCENT OF TOTAL COMPLETED CENSUS
QUESTIONNAIRES



Data based on the total submitted census questionnaire as of 1/22/2016.

HELP US HELP YOU!

For more information, please visit: The Ho-Chunk Nation website at www.ho-chunknation.com/census
Or
Contact the HCN Census Team at
Email: census@ho-chunk.com
Phone: 1-844-HCN-FORM
Or
Consultant: Kevin Klingbeil at kevin@bigwaterconsulting.net

FEBRUARY 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 Niz haci woruc ra - Wisconsin Dells TAU 11:00am to 2:00pm	2 Nioxawani s'ak hosto woruc ra Black River Falls TAU 11:00am to 2:00pm	3 Ahu co woruc ra - Tomah TAU Pac cinak woruc ra - Wittenberg TAU 11:00am to 2:00pm	4 S'ak Hosto woruc ra - Nekoosa TAU 8:00am to 11:00am	5	6/7
8	9	10 Baraboo Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close	11 House of Wellness 8:00am to 12:00pm Tomah Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close	12	13/14
15 Wittenberg Area District Meeting Chicago Area District Meeting La Crosse Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close	16 Chicago Branch Office 8:00am to 12:00pm La Crosse Branch Office 8:00am to 12:00pm Wisconsin Dells Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close	17 Madison Area District Meeting Milwaukee Area District Meeting Wisconsin Rapids Area District Meeting Black River Falls Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close	18 Madison Branch Office 8:00am to 12:00pm Milwaukee Branch Office 8:00am to 12:00pm Green Bay Area District Meeting Saint Paul Area District Meeting 5:00pm to close	19 Green Bay Branch Office 8:00am to 12:00pm Saint Paul Branch Office 8:00am to 12:00pm	20/21
22	23	24	25	26	27/28

Fill out your survey at one of these events and be entered to win a Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wisconsin Dells Hotel Package.